Duty of Christians to Speak Ou Heartily on the Side of Rightcoursess-Casting Out the

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Dumb Spirit.

In this discourse Dr. Talmage calls for a more demonstative religion and a hearty speaking out on the right side of everything; text, Mark 9:25: "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him.

Here was a case of great domestic enguish. The son of the household was possessed of an evil spirit, which, among other things, paralyzed his tongue and made him speechless. When the influence was on the patient, he could not say a word-articulation was impossible. The spirit that captured this member of the household dumb spirit-so called by Christ-s spirit abroad to-day and as lively and otent as in the New Testament times. Yot in all the realms of sermondom ! eannot find a discourse concerning this dumb devil which Christ charged upon in my text, saying: "Come out of

There has been much destructive superstition abroad in the world concern-ing possession by evil spirits. Under form of belief in witchcraft, this delusion swept the continents. Persons were supposed to be possessed with some evil spirit, which made them able to destroy others. In the sixteenth century in Geneva 1,500 persons were burned to death as witches. In one meighborhood of France 1,000 persons were burned. In two centuries 200,009 persons we e slain as witches. So mighty was the delusion that it included among its victims some of the greatest intellects of all time, such as Chief Justice Matthew Hale and Sir Edward Coke, and such renowned ministers of religion as Cotton Mather, one of whose books, Benjamin Franklir said, shaped his life—and Richard Baxter, and Archbishop Cranner and Martin Luther; and, among writers and philosophers, Lord Bacon. That belief, which has become the laughing stock of all sensible people, counted its disciples among the wisest and best people of Sweden, Germany, England, France, Spain and New England. But while we reject witchcraft, any man who believes the Bible must believe that there are diabolical agencies abroad in the world. While there are ministering spirits to bless there are infernal spirits to hinder, to poison and to destroy. Christ was speaking to a spiritual existence when, standing before the afflicted one of the text, he said: "Thou fumb and deaf spirit, come out of him."

Against this dumb devil of the text I t you on your guard. Do not think that this agent of evil has put his blight on those who, by omission of the vocal organs, have had the golden gates of speech bolted and barred. Among those who have never spoken a word are the most gracious and lovely and talented souls that were ever incarnated. The chaplains of the asylums for the dumb can tell you enchanting stories of those who never called the name of father or mother or child, and many of the most devout and prayerful

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for raillery. Perhaps it was over in the store some day when there was not under the trees while you were resting, or it was in the clubroom, or it was in a social circle, or it was in the street on the way home from business, or it was on some occasion which you re member without my describing Some one got the laugh on the Bible and caricatured the profession of religion as hypocrisy, or made a pun out of something that Christ said. The laugh started, and you joined in, and not one word of protest did you utter. What kept you silent? Modesty? No. Incapacity to answer? No. Lack of opportunity? No. It was a blow on both your lips by the wing of the dumb Mevil. If some one should malign your father or mother or wife or husband or clifd, you would flosh up quick and either with an indignant word or doubled up fist make response. And yet here is our Christian religion which has done so much for you and so much For the world that it will take all eternity to celebrate it, and yet when it was attacked you did not so much as say: "I differ. I object. I am sorry to hear you say that. There is another side to this." You Christian people ought In such times as these to go armed, not with earthly weapons, but with the aword of the spirit. You ought to have four or five questions with which you could confound any man who attacks Christianity. A man 90 years old was telling me how he put to flight a scoffer. My aged friend said to the skeptic: "Did you ever read the history of Joseph in the Bible?" "Yes," said the man, "it is a five story, and as interesting a story as I ever read." "Well. now." said my old friend. "suppose that account of Joseph stopped half way?" be entertaining." "Well, now," said my wriend, "we have in this world only half of everything, and do you not think

may find that God was right?" Oh, friends, better load up with a few interrogation points! You cannot af. consolation or warning came to the

Want a Dispensary.

not only want to regulate the mayor all honorable means to have a dispenand the city council; not only intend sary law passed by this legislature. to break up the enchre and run the

pensary system lessens the evil of \$5,202,166,207.—New York Sun. the cvils of which the saloon is the fountsin head, we the undersigned ministers of Charlette, some of us out

ford to be effent when God and the Bibluff back of Jerusalem, you

what makes the difference between the condition of woman in China and in the United States? What do you think of the sermon on the mount? How do you like the golden rule laid down in the Scriptures? Are you in favor of the Ten Commandments? In your large and extensive reading have you come across a lovelier character than Jesus Christ? Will you please to name the triumphant deathbeds of infidels and atheists? How do you account for the fact that among the out and out believers in Christianity were such persons as Benjamin Franklin, John Ruskin, Thomas Carlyle, Babington, Macaulay, William Penn, Walter Scott, Charles Kingsley, Horace Bushnell, James A. Garfield, Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, Admiral Foote, Admiral Farragut, Ulysses S. Grant, John Milton, William Shakespeare, Chief Jus-tice Marshall, John Adams, Daniel Webater, George Washington? How do you account for their fondness for the Christian religion? Among the innumerable colleges and universities of the earth will you name me three started by infidels and new supported by infidels? Down in your heart dre you really happy in the position you occupy antageniatic to the Christian religion? When do you have the most rapturous views of the next world?" Go at him with a few such questions, and he will get so red in the face as to suggest apoplexy, and he will look at his watch and say he has an engagement and must go. You will put him in a sweat that will beat a Turkish bath. You will put him on a rout compared with which our troops at Bull Run made no time at all. Arm yourself, not with arguments, but interrogation points, and I promise you victory. Shall

But then there are occasions when this particular spirit that Christ exercised when He said: "I charge thee to come out of him," takes people by the wholesale. In the most responsive religious audience have you noticed how many people never sing at all? They have a book, and they have a voice, and they know how to read. They know many of the tunes, and yet are silent while the great raptures of music pass by. Among these who sing not one out of a hundred sings loud enough to hear his own voice. They hum it. They give a cort of religious grunt. They make the lips go, but it is insudible. With a voice strong enough to stop a street car one block away all they can afford in the praise of God is shout half a whisper. With enough soprance, enough altos, enough bassos to make a small heaven between the four walls they let the opportunity go by unimproved. The volume of voice that sacends from the largest audience that ever assembled ought to be multiplied two thousandfold. But the minister rises and gives out the hymn, the organ begins, the choir or precentor souls will never in this world speak the leads, the audience are standing so that the lungs may have full expansion, and a mighty harmony is about to Some one has said silence is ascend when the evil spirit spoken of then, and sometimes the greatest tri- in my text-the dumb devil-spreads is to keep your mouth shut. But his two wings, one over the lips of one nes silence is a crime and the balf the audience and the other wire

such a man as you, shall such a woman as you, surrender to one of the mean-

the pit-the dumb devil spoken of in the

the dumb devil of our text. There is sudience, and the voices roll back into hardly a man or woman who has not the throats from which they started, been present on some occasion when and only here and there anything is the Christian religion became a target heard, and nine-tenths of the holy power is destroyed, and the dumb devil, as he flies away, says: "I could not much going on, and the clerks were in a keep assac Watts from writing that group, or it was in the factory at the bymn, and I could not keep Lowell Maapell, or it was out on the farm son from composing the tune to which the trees while you were resting. It is set, but I smote into allence or half silence the lips from which it would have spread abroad to bless neighbor-hoods and cities and then mount the wide open heavens." Give the long meter doxology the full support of Christendom, and those four lines would take the whole earth for God.

That hymn, "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Eing," was suggested to Charles Wesley by Peter Bobler, who, after his conversion, said: "I had better keep silent about it." "No." enid Wesley, "If you had 10,000 tongues, you had better use them for Christ." And then that angel of bymnology penned the words:

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise. The glories of my God and King. The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus, the name that calms our fears, That bids our serrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears;
'Zis life and health and peace.

While much of the medern music is a religious deggerel, a consecrated nonsense, a sacred imbecility, I would like to see some great musician of our time lift the baton and marshal "Luther's Judgment Hymn," "Yar-mouth," "Dundec," "Ariel," "Battlestreet," "Uxbridge," "Pleyel's Hymn," "Harwell," "Antioch," "Mount Pfs-gah" and "Coronation," with a few regiments of mighty tunes made in our ewn time, and storm Asia, Africa and America for the kingdom of God. But the first thing to do is to drive out the dumb devil of the text from all our churches.

Do not, however, let us lose ourselves in generalities. Not one of us "Oh," said the man, "then it would not but has had our lives sometimes touched by the evil spirit of the text-this awful dumb devil. We had just one opportunity of saythat when we hear the last half things ing a Christian word that might have may be consistent, and that then we led a man or women into a Christian life. The opportunity was fairly put before us. The word of invitation or

ces, do hereby call upon our people and The Charlotte preachers are bound the country of Mecklenburg to aid in

Pensions Golore pokerplayer into his hole, but they It may interest statisticians and perhave begun a crusade against the har- haps others to know that the aggregate rooms in order to substitute a dispon. amount of money appropriated by consary. They have sounded the teesin of divil war in 1865 plus the amount carwar in the following and signed by ried by the pending pension bill for themselves and published in the city the fiscal year 1902, in \$2,821,117,426 Another year will carry the total far beyond the three billion mark. By the Whereas, We the ministers of Char census of 1860 the entire valuation of lotte are uncompromisingly opposed to the licensed sploop, the system now posing the Confederacy—the true valua-Whereas, We believe that the dis-and personal, in those 11 States—was

Tired of Them.

A bill before the Lesislature of Neand out prohibition its and reserving braska declared sunflowers and cockle- triotic and consistent course in the

ford to be silent when God and the Bi-ble and the things of eternity are as-ti halted. Some hindering power sailed. Your silence gives consent to locked the jaws together so that they the bembardment of your Father's did not open. The tongue lay flat and house. You allow a slur to be cast on still in the bettom of the mouth as your mother's dying pillow. In behalf though struck with paralysis. We of the Christ, who for you went through | were mute. Though God had given the sgonies of assassination on the us the physiological apparatus for speech and our lungs were filled with dared not face a sickly joke. Better air which by the command of our load up with a few questions, so that next time you will be ready. Say to the muscles move and the vocal organs scoffer: "My dear sir, will you tell me vibrate, we were wickedly and fatally silent. For all time and eternity we missed our chance, or it was a prayer meeting, and the service was thrown open for prayer and remarks, and there was a dead halt-everything silent as a graveyard at midnight. Indeed, it was a graveyard and midnight. An embarrassing pause took place that put a wet blanket on all the meeting. Men, bold enough on business exchange or in worldly circles, shut their eyes as though they were praying in silence, but they were not praying at all. They were busy hoping somebody else would do his duty. The women flushed under the awful pause and made their fans more rapidly flutter. Some brother, with no cold, coughed, by that sound trying to fill up the time, and the meeting was slain. But what killed it? The dumb devil. This is the way I account for the fact that the stupidest places on earth are some prayer meetings. I do not see how a man can keep any grace if he regu-larly attends them. They are spirit-ual refrigerators. Religion kept on ice. How many of us have lost occasions of usefulness? In a soulptor's studio stood a figure of the god Opportunity. The sculptor had made the hair fall down over the face of the statue so as to completely cover it, and there were wings to the feet. When asked why he so represented Opportunity, the sculptor answered: The face of the statue is thus covered because we do not recognize Oppertunity when it comes, and the wings to the feet show that Opportunity is swiftly gone.

church because of all this, for the dumb devil is just as conspicuous in the world. The great political parties assemble at the proper time to build platforms for est spirits that ever smoked up from the candidates to -tand on. A commit-tee of each party is appointed to make the platform. After proper deliberation, the committees come in with a ringing report: "Whereas," and "Whereas," Pronunciamentos all shaped with the one idea of getting the most votes. All expression in regard to the great moral evils of the country ignored. No ex-pression in behalf of temperate living, for that would lose the vote of the liquer traffic. No expression in regard to the universal attempt at the demolition of the Lord's day. No recognition of God in the history of nations, for that would lose the vote of atheists. But "Whereas," and "Whereas," and "Whereas," Nine cheers will be given for the platform. The dumb devil of the text puts one wing over one platform and the other wing over the other platform. Those great conventions are opened with prayer by their chaplains. If they avoided platitudes and told the honest truth in their prayers they would say: "O Lord, we want to be postmasters and consuls and foreign ministers and United States district atterneys. For that we are here, and for that we will strive till the election next November. Give us office, or we die. Forever and ever, amen." The world, to say the least, is no better than the church on this subject of silence at the wrong time. In other words, is it not time for Christianity to become pronounced and aggressive as never before? Take sies tor Goo and soufiety influence of sver the lips of the other half of the audience, and the voices roll back into the throats from which they started, Have you a chance to cheer a disheart-ened soul? Cheer ft. Have you a use-

ful word to speak? Speak it.

But do not let the world deride the

Be out and out, up and down for righteousness. If your ship is afloat on the Pacific ocean of God's mercy, hang out your colors from the masthead. Show your passport, if you have one. Do not smuggle your soul into the harbor of Heaven. Speak out for God! Close up the chapter of lost opportunities and open a new chapter. Before you get to the door on your way out shake hands with some one and ask him to join you on the road to Heaven. Do not drive up to Heaven in a two-wheeled "sulky with room only for one, and that yourself, but get the biggest Gospel wagen you can find and pile it full of friends and neighbors and shout till they hear you all up and down the skies: "Come with us, and we will do you good, for the Lord hath promised good concerning Israel." The opportunity for good which you may consider insignificant may be tremendous for results, as when on the sea Capt. Haldane swore at the ship's crew with an oath that wished them all in perdition, and a Scotch sailor touched his cap and said: "Captain, God hears prayer, and we would be hadly off if your wish were answered." Capt. Haldane was convicted by the sailor's remark and converted and became the means of the salvation of his brother Robert, who had been an infidel, and then Robert became a minister of the Gospel, and under his ministry the godless Felix Neff became the world-renowned missionary of the cross, and the worldly Merie d'Aubigne bycame the author of "The Mistory of the Reformation" and will be the glory of the church for all ages. Perhaps you may do as much as the Scotch sailor who just tipped his cap and used one broken sentence by which the earth and the heavens are still resounding with potent influences. Do something for God, and do it right away or you will never do it at all.

Time files away fast. The while we never remember; How soon our life here Grows old with the year That dies with the next December!

A Bad Teacher. A special from Huntsville, Ala , says: to keep the old town in a ferment. They the suppression of the salcon by using excitement in Marshall county over a case of oriminal assault. A white school teacher named Hall, near Guntersville, it is said, committed a oriminal assault upon a 13-year old girl. A mob scoured the country for the teacher, but he fell into the hands of officers and this evening was lodged in jail at Guntersville A report says hundred; of people have gone there from the county intent on bre-king into the juil and lynching

Tillman Endorsed. In the Senate Thursday Senator Aldrich offered the following concurrent resolution, which was adopted without discussion or dissent, and sent to the the innocent and helpless ahead. house: Be it resolved by the senate, the house of representatives concurring, That the asknoledgments of the general assembly are hereby tendered to the Hon. B. R Tillman for his able, pa-

WORK OF VANDALS

The Burning of Columbia by Gen. Sherman's Army

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO at Suffering, Cuelty and Vandalism Graphically Told by Capt D. A Dickert.

The following is the story of the burning of Columbia in February, 1865, by Gen. Sherman's army as related by Capt. D. Augustus Dickert in his his- country. tory of "Kershaws Brigade:"

When Sherman jut his mighty ma chine of war in motion Kershaw's brigade was hurried back to Charleston and up to George's Station, then to the bridge on the Edisto. Raiding parties were out in every direction, destroying ridges and railroads, and as the cuthern army laitopontoon corps ner ruy methods of crossing the deep, sluggish streams in their rear but by bridges, it can been seen that the cutto the army It was discovered early in the march that Sherman did not inbut to continue on a direct line, with dun bis as the centre of operations. e were removed from the Edisto back Charleston, and up the Northwestrn railroad to St. Stephen's, on the Santce. It was feared that a reiding party from Georgetown would come up Sautee and cut the bridge, thereby ating the army Hardee had in Charcs on and vicinity. Siewly Sherman dragged his weary length along." On le 13th of February the corps of Gen. Blur reached Kingville and drove our

On the 15th of February the advance luma of the Twentieth corps came in ight of Columbia. All the bridges leadg thereto were barned and the south troops withdrawn to the eastern Frank Blair's corps left the road leading to Cotumbia at Hopkins, and cept a direct line for Camden. An other corps, the Fifteenth, crossed the Broad at Columbia, while the Fourenth and Twentieth were to cross at eshley's and Alston. Orders had li the troops under Gen. McLaws. at Four Hole Swamp and along the orst were to rendezveus at St. Stephen's on the Santee, and either make a junction with the western army at hester, S. C., or if not possible, to conlan of the campaign was now to concontrate all the forces of Hood's State trees and Hardee's at some point in upper South Carolina or in North Carlins, and make one more desperate stand, and by united action cru-h and veribrow Sherman's army, thereby

On the merning of February the 16th the enemy, without any warning what ever, because elling the city of Colum bia filled with women and children. Now it must be remembered that this was not for the purpose of crossing the river, for one of Sherman's corps had a ready crossed below the city and two others above. One shell passed through the hotel in which Gen. Beauregard was at the time, others struck the e house, while many - ugh ut the city Gen. Hamo

h s small force of cavalry early on the morning of the 17th, and the mayor of the city met an efficer of the federal army under a flag of truce and tenant with core of the ruffiant three after one of the ruffiant three aft and claimed protection for its inhabi This was promised. All during the day thousands of the

enemy poured into the city, Gen. Sher ran entering about midday. Gens Davis' and Williams' corps crossed the Saluda and continued up on the western bank of Broad river, one crossing 10, the other 25 miles above Columbia The people of C lumbia had hopes of peaceful o cupation of the city, but luring the day and along towards nightfall, the threatening attitude of e soldiers, their eminous words, breats of vergearce, were too perioncutter the people to misunderstand to expect mercy. These signs, breats and mutterings were but the relude to that which was to follow.

FIRE ALARM About 9 o'clock the slarm of fire was iven and the dread sound of the fire ls, mingled with the lun and roar of ien thousand voices and the tread of as many troops burrying to and fro on their cursed mission, could be heard by the now thoroughly frightened popleve. The people, with blanched ounterances, set features, looked in nute silence into the fac s of each othr. All knew and felt, but dared not ven to themselves to whisper, the un distakable truth. Now another slarm, nother fire bell mingles its sound with he general chorus of discord, shouts the soldiery, the frightened ories of the people-yells of the drunken roofs-all a scething, maddening turbulence in the crowded streets. A larid giare shoots up above the house-tops, then the crackling and rosring the dread elements told but too plainly that the be unful city was soon o be wrapped in flames. The sack and village ha | begun!

THE LOOT OF THE YANKEES.

Few men being in the city, the wosome little necessity of life, only to the Saltkabatchie to the Cape Fear. Who were to blame? from their hands and scattered in the streets. Here would be a lone woman arm ; belpless orphans lugging an old trunk or ches', now containing all they rifled by the drunken soldiers, or if not valuable, trampled under foot.

Soldiers, with axes and hammers, rushed from house to house, breaking in doors, smashing trunks, boxes, bu reaus and robbing them of all that was beds, jolted and jostled against the surging mob-none to help, none to advisc-there defenceless sufferers rushd aimlessly about, their sole purpose being to avoid the flames and seek a place of safety. The fires originated principally in the southern section of the city, and as the fire ate its way up, the howling throng followed, driving

As the night were on, the drunken soldiers, first made intoxicated by the wine in private cellars or the liquors in government buildings, now became and the girl who had won his affections. beastly drunk in their glee at the sight Riding up to her father's house, he of the destruction they had wrought. asked her to be called. "Rachell", he

ing hand to the ruined and distressed people, added insult to injury by join ing with the private soldiers in the plundering of the city, insulting the women and adding fuel to the fisme.

All night long did the flames rage, en orgio was kept up till their craven hearts were fully satisfied. A few squares in the northeastern part of the city were left, also several churches, and into these the women and children were hauled and packed, and had to remain for days and some for weeks,

The Sixty four members of the house want the railreads ' give them free passes when the State gives them 5 cents federal commander, through the bound-less dictates of his sympathetic heart, after destroying all that fire and rapine could reach, left the starving thousands a few rations each of the plunder so that they can make half of it clear. he had robbed of the planters in the But whatever it is the State pays it

DESTITUTION. the east, Blair's Corps was laying ask yourselves why these railroads are waste everything in its pathway, while willing to give these free passes and above and below the city, for a distance them give a plain compasses and of 50 miles, Sherman had swept the country as bare as if a blight hadfallen upon it. How the people of Columbia sub-isted during the time they were mystery, and to none so much as the islators may have to pass on legislation sufferers themselves.

Grains of corn were eagerly picked up in the streets as they dropped from the wagons, and the women and children of the lower class and the negroes do not call it bribery or an attempt to flocked to the deserted camps to gather buy a man's influence or his vote. Oh

point of the pistol or the sabre, the hiding place of their little va'uables for their services, and not only pay them by the day but go farther and ckets away from the bridge over the wait upon the hell hounds, while they pay them a good allowance for travelregaled themselves upon the choice viauds or medicinal wines of the plan ters' wives. But be it known to their immortal honor, that it was only on he most rare occasions that the prond dames of the South could, either by threat or brutal treatment, be forced to Sield to their insolent demands. With railreads? Admit for the sake of the the orders from the soldiers to "prepare a meal" or "disclose the whereabouts he put himself in a position to be susof their money or valuables," came the pected? A true representative ought threat, "We will burn your house if the troops under Gen McLaws you do not.', But almost invariably came the quick response, "Burn it for legislators to accept free passes for burn it, you cowardly wretables, and burn it, you cowardly wretches, and kill me, if you wish, and all of us, but I will never soil my hands by waiting I will never soil my hands by waiting the place of concealment-find it if you can." The soldiers would question them, but to maintain attitude of the negroes to find if there were any watches, silver plate, or money belong ing to the household; if so, they would by a system of inquesition, attempt to by a system of inquesition, attempt to ries was "no free passes," and when force the women to give it up, but in Gov. Tillman accepted free pass No. 1

A BRAVE WOMAN.

A woman, Mrs. Miller, the wife of neighbor of mine, had her husband's years, and we have no doubt that nine-gold watch in her bosom, and refused tenths of the people today endorse it when a cocked pistol was at her head The vandal struck her a stunging blow with the but end of the pistol-ali in the State, what is to be said of the man general of South Carolina. Purport-vain. The brave heroing held to the who repeal the law and accept free ing to be a compilation only, the book treaties and threats.

Two old people living near me, broth er and maiden sister, named Loner,

where you keep your money; you have it, for I've been so informed. "Let it burn," answered the old wo "Do you think to frighten or man intimidate me by burning my house that I will tell what I choose to conceal? Do you think I care so much for my house and its belonging .? No, no; you mistake the women of the South, you will never conquer her peo ple by making war upon defenceless women. Let the house go up in flames, and my ashes mingle with its ashes, but I will remain true to myself, my country and my God."

Sou all that was left of the once happy home was a heap of ashes. Will God, in His wisdom, ever have cause to again create such women as those of the Southland? Or were there ever conditions in the world's history that required the presence of such noble martyrdom as was displayed by the wo men of the South during the Civi

But a Nemesis in this case, as in many others, was lurking near. Bands of Confederates and scouts had scattered themselves on the flanks and rear of the enemy; old men and boys and disabled veterans were lying in wait in many thickets and out of the way places, ready to pounce upon the unsuspecting freebooters and give to them their just deserts. Was it any wonder that so many hundreds and thou-ands. of these Goths failed to answer to Shne man's last roll call? Before the sun was many hours older, after the burning of Loner homestead, the dreaded 'bushwhackers' were on the trail of the vandals.

For years afterwards people, from curiosity, came to look at a heap of bones in a thicket near, bleached by winter's rain and summer's sur, while some of the older man, pointing to the ghostly relies, would say, 'Those are the remains of Sherman, s houseburn nen, with rare heroism, sought to save ers." And such were the scenes from

Sherman now directs his march towards Winnsboro and Chester, still in hugging an infant to her breast, with a the four great parols burning and plunfew strips of clothing hanging on her dering as they go. It seems that in their march through Georgia they were only whetting their appetites for a full could call their own—these would be gorge of vandalism in South Carolina.
snatched away, broken open, contents Afte their carnival of ruin in Columbia the Federals, like the tiger, which, with the taste of blood, grows more ravenous, became more destructive the more destruction they saw. Great clouds of black smoke rose up over the whole country and darkened the sky valuable, then leaving the house in overhead, while at night the heavens flames. Helpless women, screaming were lit up by the glate of the burning children, babes in the arms, invalids in buildings. The railroad tracks were beds, folded and jostled against the torn up and bridges burned, the iron being laid across heaps of burning ties, then when at red heat, were wrapped around trees and telepraph posts-these last through pure wantonness, as on army was in their rear that could ever ase the sgain.

A Pat Response.

There are many ways of proposing, but for the "pop direct, and for the pat response," nothing could well surpass the specimen furnished by the Puritan the to oppose the dispensary here—burns a public nuisance, and makes it united States senate, throughout his the duty of every coner of land to service in that body, which course is destroy them between August 15 and the of the destroy them between August 15 and pronounced wormander present of each year.

Hauling of fertilizers has begun and consistent ourse is dark background of that part of the clay thee." To which the damsel, after a moment's pause, replied, meekly, "The under present of each year.

Hauling of fertilizers has begun and farm work will soon begin in earnest. The temptation to plant a large cotton or op will be great and many will not be able to resist it.

SOME PLAIN TALK

To Sixty-four Legislators Who Voted A Newspaper Says the Contract Labor for Free Passes.

leap, and lick the clouds as one block of buildings after another fell—food for the devouring elements. This drunk-four members of the House of Repre-The following plain talk from Anderson Mail is commended to the sixtysentatives who voted for free passes: And the house by a vote of 64 to

a mile each way and they make 2 cents of that clear, as the railroad fare is only 3 cents a mile, and if they buy a mileage book it is only 2; cents, and more too, and yet these 64 want free passes. For what? The railroads are willing to give them-and why? No vehicles or horses were left in the You plain people who work on your city's limits—the bridges turned that farms and business men who stand in led across the river to the west. To your places of business day after day your places of business day after day then give a plain, common sense answer to it. Do railroads do business for the fun of the thing? Do they not expect returns of some sort for every penned in the city churches and the free passes an investment? And do few buildings left, will ever remain a not the railroads know that these leg investment? And isn't the giving of affecting railroads? And don't they know that every legislator who accepts a free pass from them is to that extent up the crumbs left by the soldiers or the grains trampled under foot of the that. They call it exchanging courtehorses.

Each house in a stretch of 50 miles word and there is no unpleasant odor

> for free passes. Why should a representative ask for a free pass? Can he be true to the trust reposed in him when an issue is joined between the people and the railroads? Admit for the sake of the tieth century slavery can, no doubt, argument that he can, then why should find a parallel in a number of other to be like Carsar's wife, above sus self free from any sort of obligation to them-not in any spirit of hostility to fairness and impartiality.

more han 10 years ago one of its battle this editor exerciated him mercilessly for accepting it; and the anti free pass law followed and has stood for 10 tenths of the people today endorse it give it up when demanded, even yet. If, as the father of the bill, Mr Spears, said the law is a reflection upon the integrity of the public men of nore a reflection upon any public man

> The Mail bits the nail on the head AGREAT ARMY AND NAVY

What Militarism and Imperialism will Cost this Country. atest available Government statistics, showing that the United States is payog a greater price for militarism than lery and the naval militia. The roster

any other nation on earth, and almost of officers and men, given by companies, as much as any two others t gether: United States-Army... \$175 000 000 and will doubtless be found altogether England-Army 134 975,000 Pensions 1,407,840 France-Army. \$125 855,207 Pension included in above . . 60,720,102

Germany-Army \$160,625,200 Navy..... 33 353 250 Pensions 16,323 900 Russia-Army \$159,185 000 Nav/...... 41,532 000 Austria-Army \$72 640 000 Navy ... 9.986 000 .\$52 889 000

Italy-Army.... And for this enormous expenditure we have a smaller army than any of the European Powers and a smaller navy than any except Austria. The statis ties follows:

United States-Army....

Navy England-Army.... 254 000 Navy 364 640 Franco-Army..... 579 519 Germany-Army..... 479 229 Navy..... Russia-Army 883 146 37.164 Austria-Army..... 265 608 Navy

Navy....

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Italy-Army....

A MODERN SLAVERY.

System is Much Abused "That member of the Anderson delegation who told Mr. Wolling, of Fairfield, that Negroes were bought and sold here on labor contracts can doubt-less give affidavite in abundance to establish his statement. It is a matter 38 repealed the anti-free pass law! of common report here that this is on tantly done, and it is also a matter of common rumor that many of them are shackeled and put in stockades and guarded and worked under guard like regular convicts. From all that we have heard we do not think it wou'd be sny trouble to establish the fact by indisputable evidence.

'The method of procedure is about this: A Negro gets into debt and breaks his contract, a warrant is swern out and he is arrested and brought be fore the magistrate or committed to jail to await trial. In the meantime a party goes to the landlord and says, "how much will it take to get that Necro?" The amount being stated, the Negro is seen and agrees to enter into a con-tract for sometimes a longer period than a year, the amount due the landlord is paid, the papers are signed and the Negro is hustled off under guard to

"And there are plenty of similar said the lash is freely used on these Negroes. How true it is we do not know, but it has been freely talked of on the streets that there should be an investigation by the grand jury and that, too, by some of the best citizens was entered and insults and indignities about it. These legislators are sent ought to do it in the interest of all conoffered the defenciess women which would have shamed the savage Turk. These legislators are sent to define the represent the interests of the people and some of them have a heap knowing if these charges are true and to say about the "dear people" and "my people" and the people pay them if they are untrus, the other parties having a deeper interest in showing that they are untrue. We sincerely hope that the presiding judge at the coming term of court will order the grand jury ing expenses in the shape of milesge, to make a searching investigation and and then they go and ask the railroads to a so it quire if the costs collected in cases that have been compromised have

been turned into the county treasury.' Commenting on the above the Florerce Times says "the story from the Anderson Mail concerning the twensounties and a number of other states than South Carolina. In fact it is a universal truth that debt enslaves, and that where the opportunity to oppress is given the creditor he will use it as ar as he can The enly way to keep ree is to keep out of debt. The lien aw, the labor contract law and all these kind of laws that are intended to protect the c editor are abused to their utmost limit and by mon of whom such ause wou'd be little expected It is When the Reform movement began the Negro that suffers mostly." We do not believe that any such a condition of affairs exists in this county.

Gen. Floyd's History

"Historical Roster and Itinerary of South Carolina Volunteer Troops wno Served in the Late War between Spain and the United States. Such is the title of a well conceived and we'l arrang d book recently compiled by Gan. J. W. Floyd, adjutant and inspector The anti-free pass law is no nevertheless evidences much work and who proposes to do right than the law there is a carefully written chert of the author there is a carefully written chert of the Mail hits the pail on the head with Spain, and of the different steps

in the formation of the commands furn ished by South Carolina to the volunteer army of the United States, followed with a biography of the late Governor Ederbe and the late Cd. Joseph K. Alston. There is a readable account of the formation, personnel and move Here are figures, compiled from the memts of each of the commands meationed-the First and Second regiments of infantry, the heavy battery of artilevidences great care in the pregaration 78 696 973 securate. The book contains a number Pensions 145 245 230 of portraits including those of Governor Eilerbe, Gen. Floyd, and the com-\$398,942,103 missioned officers in each command We .\$193 085,000 clip the above from the State. The book should meet with ready sal among the veterans of the American-Spanish

A Grave Danger.

The Commoner says: "A Mattoon, Ill., man asks for a diviorce on the grounds that be was under hypnotic influence when he was maried. There will be a grave danger to the marriage laws if this contention is upheld by the courts. It will not be difficult for any man to prove that he was hypnotized when he was married A pair of bright eyes exerts a powerful influence on the average man.

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Thomas Kearns, the new senator from Utah, has a silver mine for which he has refused \$12,000 000. It is said to pay him and his partner \$1,250,000 a ear. They call it the "Silver King " It has not been running long enough at this rate to pile up much capital for Mr. Kearns to work on, but his credit is good. Mr. Clark, the senstor-elect from Montana, is rated at \$75,000,000 so that Kearns is comparatively a poor man.

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